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In a telephone conversation with PRISBECK today she advised that she had spent the evening of 24 March in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Gene LYONS. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Don LEVINE. This memorandum represents a resume of information on Mrs. Marina OSWALD as told to her by Don LEVINE.

LEVINE has written a book on the OSWALD case which will come off the press on the 3rd of April. He has spent many days in the company of Mrs. OSWALD who impressed him favorably though he was rather restrained in her comments on her. He found Mrs. OSWALD exceedingly intelligent, alert and is well adjusted to her new riches. The image of her as portrayed in the press is completely false, but LEVINE does admit that there is more to her than meets the eye.

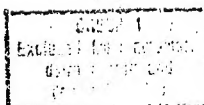
PRISBECK asked LEVINE if he thought Mrs. OSWALD was a Soviet agent and he said no but that she was a Soviet patriot. When PRISBECK countered with the charge that there is little difference he replied that there was a fine difference. She then asked LEVINE if Mrs. OSWALD had been or was in contact with Soviets and LEVINE said Mrs. OSWALD had not told him anything on that.

Several newspapermen are vying with each other to obtain Mrs. OSWALD's story and LEVINE told her that if she signed a contract for the story of her life she had to tell the truth. He remarked that she sort of shrank and he could get nothing more out of her.

LEVINE told PRISBECK that the two men who are with Mrs. OSWALD constantly speak no Russian and interpreters must be obtained and they are picked up from here and there. LEVINE indicated that this arrangement was a very unsatisfactory one and the fact that he spoke fluent Russian made for a harmonious interview.

LEVINE also talked with Mrs. PAINE and claims that she gave him five letters written by Lee OSWALD and that these letters are now evidence and Mrs. PAINE had not shown them to anyone else.

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